

my committee staff; Ruth Friedman with the gentleman from California (Mr. GEORGE MILLER), Ricardo Martinez with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HINOJOSA), Rebecca Hunt with the staff of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. HOEKSTRA), Judy Borger and Matt Haggerty with the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GREENWOOD), and the counsel from the minority side, Mort Zuckerman, whom I see in the Chamber. They have all worked in an especially close way to help bring us here today.

So I want to urge my colleagues to support the conference report to S. 342, and thank them for all of their hard work.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to note it is a pleasure to see as many children in the Chamber as there are to see this bipartisan legislation being approved. I would reiterate that there is nothing more important that America could do than to demonstrate how important children are and prepare for the future leaders of our Nation to emerge, to have the kind of services that they need, the kind of programs.

We cannot afford to lose a single one. So every time we can go out and bring in a child who may have been lost, may have been neglected or may have been abused we are actually doing the best work that we could do. I would urge support of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to just reiterate my support to the comments of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS). It is absolutely true that society will be measured by how we take care of those who are least able to take care of themselves. This bill is a step in the right direction. I hope that we can continued working on these issues and other issues to make sure that we do not leave a single child behind, either at this stage in life through the education process or later on as they enter into higher education.

Those are all the kinds of issues that we will either consider at the subcommittee or the full committee level, and hopefully we can continue to maintain this bipartisan support on these very, very critical issues, recognizing that we each come from different communities with different perspectives, different backgrounds and different needs, and that by bringing those perspectives to the committee, by bringing those perspectives to the House, we will reach the appropriate kind of legislation that will have the most impact and most beneficial impact across America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I commend the committee leadership in both Chambers for bringing forth this agreement, which rep-

resents a bipartisan, bicameral effort to protect children.

As with the Amber Alert legislation, and the Runaway, Homeless and Missing Children Protection Act that passed the House earlier this year, this legislation shows that we are unified in our desire to protect young people who are in danger. I am proud to be a part of this effort.

I won't repeat all the technical aspects of the bill, but this effort will focus on the prevention and treatment of child abuse by authorizing grants to States to help with the functions of the child protection system. It also provides authority for research and demonstration projects, enhances investigations and prosecutions of maltreatment, and provides grants for local community-based programs.

I am pleased that we were able to include in the final agreement demonstration programs to assist children who witness domestic violence as well as an Internet enhancement of the domestic violence hotline.

There is no more important task before this Congress than to protect the most vulnerable of our Nation's children.

I only hope that our commitment to children will extend beyond rhetoric to the resources needed to fully fund these and other programs for children. Unfortunately, help for poor, disadvantaged children has taken a backseat to tax breaks for the wealthy. We are sending a clear message to our young people, not only will we leave you behind, we will also leave you the bill.

I firmly urge all my colleagues to support the final conference agreement. When the time comes, I also urge you to support the resources necessary to protect, defend, and educate our children.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FLAKE). Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. QUINN) at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, and the Chair's prior announcement, the Chair will now put each question on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the following order:

Conference report to accompany S. 342, by the yeas and nays;

Motion to suspend the rules and adopt S. Con. Res. 43, by the yeas and nays;

Speaker's approval of the Journal, de novo.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 342, KEEPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SAFE ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of agreeing to the conference report on the Senate bill, S. 342, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 421, nays 3, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 282]

YEAS—421

Abercrombie	Burgess	Deutsch
Ackerman	Burns	Dicks
Aderholt	Burr	Dingell
Akin	Burton (IN)	Doggett
Alexander	Buyer	Dooley (CA)
Allen	Calvert	Doolittle
Andrews	Camp	Doyle
Baca	Cannon	Dreier
Bachus	Cantor	Duncan
Baird	Capito	Dunn
Baker	Capps	Edwards
Baldwin	Capuano	Ehlers
Ballance	Cardin	Emanuel
Ballenger	Cardoza	Emerson
Barrett (SC)	Carson (OK)	Engel
Bartlett (MD)	Carter	English
Barton (TX)	Case	Eshoo
Bass	Castle	Etheridge
Beauprez	Chabot	Evans
Becerra	Chocola	Everett
Bell	Clay	Farr
Bereuter	Clyburn	Fattah
Berkley	Coble	Feeney
Berman	Cole	Ferguson
Berry	Collins	Filner
Biggert	Conyers	Fletcher
Billirakis	Cooper	Foley
Bishop (GA)	Costello	Forbes
Bishop (NY)	Cox	Ford
Bishop (UT)	Cramer	Fossella
Blackburn	Crane	Frank (MA)
Blumenauer	Crenshaw	Franks (AZ)
Blunt	Crowley	Frelinghuysen
Boehlert	Culberson	Frost
Boehner	Cummings	Gallegly
Bonilla	Cunningham	Garrett (NJ)
Bonner	Davis (AL)	Gerlach
Bono	Davis (CA)	Gibbons
Boozman	Davis (FL)	Gilchrest
Boswell	Davis (IL)	Gillmor
Boucher	Davis (TN)	Gingrey
Boyd	Davis, Jo Ann	Gonzalez
Bradley (NH)	Davis, Tom	Goode
Brady (PA)	Deal (GA)	Goodlatte
Brady (TX)	DeFazio	Gordon
Brown (OH)	DeGette	Goss
Brown (SC)	Delahunt	Granger
Brown, Corrine	DeLauro	Graves
Brown-Waite,	DeLay	Green (TX)
Ginny	DeMint	Green (WI)